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# CDF NEWS RELEASE

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### Airtanker Pilot Services

#### Services for Lars Stratte

The Stratte family and the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CDF) would like to recognize and honor Pilot Lars Stratte at a memorial service.

A fire department, full honors memorial service will be conducted on Monday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 11:00 a.m. at the Bethel Church, 933 College View Drive in Redding. Fire Captain-Chaplain John Bruno will officiate.

Fire service staging will be at the entrance of Bethel Church, at which time a tactical net will be issued.

Friends, pilots, and public safety personnel are invited to attend. Uniformed personnel are requested to wear dress uniform, no hats or caps. Pilots are requested to wear flight suits.

An informal reception at Lake Redding Park (behind Carter House Science Museum) will follow the services.

Cards and condolences may be sent to the Stratte family, c/o CDF Shasta-Trinity Unit, 875 Cypress Ave. Redding California 96001.

Donations in lieu of flowers may be made to the Associated Airtanker Pilots' Lars Stratte Memorial Fund, c/o Newheart Bookkeeping, 711 D Healdsburg Ave. Healdsburg CA. 95448. Checks should be made out to "The Lars Stratte Memorial

## Services for Larry Groff

The Groff family, the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CDF), and San Joaquin Helicopters, Inc. would like to recognize and honor Pilot Larry Groff with memorial services.

A public visitation will be held on Monday, September 3, 2001 from 7:30 – 9:00 pm at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church, 8400 Old Redwood Hwy, Windsor, CA.

On Tuesday, September 4, 2001 a fire service procession will travel from the church to Charles M. Schulz Sonoma County Airport for a 10:00 am memorial service with full fire service honors. Chaplain Harry Martin will officiate. An informal reception will follow. The service and reception will be held at the Fred Furth hanger. Signs and parking assistance will be available.

Staging for fire apparatus will begin at 7:00 am at the Luther Burbank Center for the Arts. Take Hwy 101 to the River Rd. exit, turn east ¼ mile. Please RSVP as soon as possible to (707) 838-1170 or email to [ghamilton@windsorfpd.com](mailto:ghamilton@windsorfpd.com).

Friends, pilots and public safety personnel are invited to attend the memorial service. Uniformed personnel are asked to wear dress uniforms, without hats or caps. Those on duty may wear work uniforms. Pilots and air program personnel are encouraged to wear flight suits.

Donations may be made to the Associated Air Tanker Pilots Memorial Fund, c/o Newhart Bookkeeping, 711 D, Healdsburg Avenue, Healdsburg, CA 95448. Checks should be made out to the Larry Groff Memorial Fund.

Checks may also be sent to the Wildland Firefighter Foundation, c/o CDF, 2210 W. College Ave, Santa Rosa, CA 95401.

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